(a) whether Government hav; drawn up soma programme to boost tourism by giving proper encouragement and incentives;

(b) if so, the details of the programmes thereof;

(c) whether the programme is likely to bring in valuable foreign exchange earnings besides generating emplayment avenues for 10 millions people; and

(d) if so details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZA.D,i. (a) and (b) The development, of tourism by encouraging private sector investment is a continuous process and a wtunber of incentives are presently available for the same. These include tax incentives, interest subsidy, reduced customs duty on import of capital goods, capital subsidy to heritage hotels[1] etc

(c) and (d) rourism ;s already one of the largest foreign exchange earners f the country apart being employment generator. The estimated foreign exchange earnings from tourism during 1993-94 was Rs. 4573 crores The direct employment in the tourism sector during I3S2-93 is estimated to fee 6.S6 million persons

Harassment of lady pilot

329. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

whether it is a ?act that a ..ady pilot in Indian Airlines was harrased by the other male pilot for her refuse[1'] to have physicaj relation -.vifh a colleague *'a* lie pilot:

(b) whether it is also a fact that IA male pilots have issued circular to Association members to bycott flights with the lady pilot in question; and

(c) what measures Government proposes to protect the lady pii;tc in the services?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD). (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

tfoncessiom on air fare

330. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN; Will the Minister o£ CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM ba pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that concession hag been granted for the air fare on the selected routes; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the reasons for not granting concession on other routes;

(c; whether Government would allow the Air taxi operators to grant such concession; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Gov-nment have prevented Air taxi lerators for introducing passengers comfart such ag providing fre$_e$ drinks etc.?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND' TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines has offered . per cent concession on return journey fares lor a limited period on the Sallowing routes: —

(i) Bombay-Delhi-Bomboy or vice vera (valid from 1-8-94 to 31-10-94).

(ii) Bombay - Bangalore . Bombay ox vice versa (valid from 1.8.94 to 31.10.94).

(iii) Bombay . Calcutta - Bombay or vice versa (valid from 1.8.94 to 31.12.94).

(iv) Bombay - Madras . Bombay or vice versa (valid from 22.8 84 tc 31.10.94).

(v) Bcmbay ■ Qambatore . Bombay or vice versa (valid from 1.12.94 to 26.2.951).

(b) The concession ig being offered only for the return journey leg on these routes on marketing considerations..

(c) Air Taxi Operators are free to charge any fares.

(d) No, Sir, However, Government have issued directions that no operator operating domestic air transport services in India shall serve any alco-holic drink on board and nor will any passenger consume any alcoholic drink while on board.

Construction of International Airport at Sindhutiurg in Maharashtra

331. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN;

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND- TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms for con struction of an International Airport;

(b) the number of Inter-national Airports laid by Goverment during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) whether Government have a proposal to construct an International Airport in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)- (a) The norms are governed by the density of traffic, availability of land and other infrastructure to sustain the international operations.

(b) At present, there are 5 inter-national airports. No airport has been declared as international airport in the VHIth Plan so far.

(c) Government in considering an alternate airport to Naval airfield in *Gc2* to sustain International opera-withiri and clc:;e to Goa. Sites in Sindhudurg district, adjoining Goa, are being considered.

Chartered Flight for wedding

332. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India has ade. quate fleet of aircraft to cope-up with passengers bookings;

(b) whether it i- a fact that the Air India's Aircraft have been chartered for wedding reception; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the wedding Chartered Flight was approved on consideration of incurring loss of revenue vis-a-vis the regular passenger traffic?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Air India's existing fleet of aircraft is adequate to meet the current schedule of operations.

(b) and (c) An Air India aircraft was recently chartered for a marriage ceremony. The charter did not affect any scheduled operation of Air India.

Supply of Electrical Goods to ITDC Hotels

333. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) how much electrical goods and other items were supplied to ITDC Hotel? by Sharat Electrocrafts Delhi during the years 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) whether any good-* were found substandard; and